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**Version With Markings To Show Changes Made**

**In the Claims:**

- Claim 1 has been amended as follows:

1. (first amendment) An apparatus for covering a protrusion on a roof, said apparatus comprising:

a base portion adapted for sealing to said roof and having an opening for receiving said protrusion;

a top portion having an opening for receiving said protrusion, said top portion attached to said base portion along such that said opening in said base portion openings are substantially aligned; and

a break in said base portion and said top portion, said break in said base portion separating a first portion of said base portion from a second portion of said base portion, and ~~wherein~~ said break in said top portion ~~separates~~ separating a first portion of said top portion from a second portion of said top portion; ~~and~~

wherein said break allows said apparatus to be opened to accept a said protrusion on the roof to be covered; ~~and~~

wherein said first portions of said base portion and said top portion ~~may~~ are adapted to be thereafter pulled around the protrusion toward said first portions of said base portion and said top portion, thereby allowing the size of one, or both, of said openings in said top portion and said base portion to be adjusted to best fit around said protrusion; and

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whereafter said first portions of said base portion and said top portion overlap and are properly positioned to be sealed to said second portions of said base portion and said top portion, respectively.

- Claim 2 has been canceled.

- Claim 11 has been amended as follows:

11. (first amendment) An apparatus for covering a protrusion on a roof, said apparatus comprising:

a base portion adapted for sealing to said roof and having an opening for receiving said protrusion;

a top portion having an opening for receiving said protrusion, said top portion attached to said base portion along such that said opening in said base portion openings are substantially aligned;

a break in said base portion and said top portion, ~~said break in said base portion separating a first portion of said base portion and said top portion from a second portion of said base portion and said top portion, and wherein said break in said top portion separates a first portion of said top portion from a second portion of said top portion~~ further allowing said apparatus to be opened to accept said protrusion; and

a base flap;

~~wherein said break allows said apparatus to be opened to accept a protrusion on the roof to be covered and~~ wherein said first portion of said top

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portion ~~may~~ is adapted to be, after installation of said apparatus to said protrusion, pulled around the protrusion toward and over said second portion of said top portion and sealed to said second portion of said top portion thereto; and

wherein said first portion of said bottom portion is adapted to be, after installation of said apparatus to said protrusion, pulled around the protrusion toward and over said second portion of said bottom portion and sealed to said second portion of said top portion thereto; and

wherein said base flap ~~portion~~ is adapted to be thereafter welded over a seam created by the overlap of said first and second portions of said base portion ~~after being placed around the protrusion.~~

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